

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


Claims 44, 57, 61-63, 75, 76, 80, 81, 90, 91, 93-96, 98, and 100-112 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 90 has been amended for clarity only so as to recite a supply of a metal strip having an upper surface and a lower surface. This amendment is exactly the same to companion independent claim 63, and also serves to provide antecedent basis for the recitation of "the supply", the upper surface and the lower surface which are later recited in claim 90.

Entry of the amendment to claim 90 is respectfully requested since it requires only minimal review and serves to clarify the claim.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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